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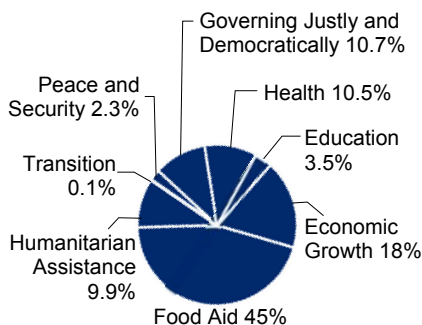
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MONTHLY UPDATE

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USAID Assistance to Sudan FY 2010



Peace and Security	\$17.1
Governing Justly and Democratically	\$81.2
Health	\$79.6
Education	\$26.9
Economic Growth	\$136.9
Food Aid	\$341.5*
Humanitarian Assistance	\$74.9*
Transition	\$1.1
TOTAL	\$759.3

Note: Amounts in millions

* Includes eastern Chad



USAID Deputy Administrator Donald Steinberg (center) and USAID Mission Director Bill Hammink (right of Steinberg) at Juba Port meeting with southern Sudanese who have returned from northern Sudan to their areas of origin in the south. Photo: Sarah Armstrong/USAID

USAID Deputy Administrator Hears Challenges that Returnees to Southern Sudan Face

USAID Deputy Administrator Donald Steinberg on April 8 visited Juba Port, where thousands of Sudanese have returned from northern Sudan to their areas of origin in southern Sudan, which will become the Republic of South Sudan on July 9. He was able to speak with many of those who recently disembarked from the river barges on which they traveled with all of their belongings from Kosti in White Nile State.

Since October 30, more than 333,000 Sudanese have returned from northern to southern Sudan and the "Three Areas" along the north-south border (Abyei, Southern Kordofan, and Blue Nile). Steinberg learned about the challenges returnees face, including scarcity of livelihood opportunities and limited access to basic services such as potable water, education, and health care.

One widow with eight children told Steinberg she has no family members living in the south and didn't know where she and her children would go or who would help them. Staff with the UN High Commissioner for Refugees indicated that returnees in such situations qualify for UNHCR's vulnerable assistance program that provides help with immediate needs such as transport and emergency shelter.



Returnees disembark from a barge with their belongings at Juba Port. Photo: Jenn Warren

USAID staff in Juba planned to follow up with UNHCR on her case as an example of how returnees are assisted.

USAID is providing services to improve sanitation, hygiene, nutrition, and economic recovery for returnees, coordinating the registration and processing of returnees and their luggage at Juba Port with partner organizations including the International Organization for Migration, and helping to relieve overcrowding of returnees at Kosti.

USAID assistance will also address risks of exploitation and abuse of vulnerable returnees, including members of female-headed households and separated and unaccompanied children. ♦



A southern Sudanese child at Juba Port surrounded by returnees' belongings and a bag of USAID-provided sorghum. Photo: Jenn Warren

In Speech at Ahfad University for Women, Deputy Administrator Announces Initiative to Include Women in Peace Processes

In a speech at Ahfad University for Women in Omdurman, Sudan, on April 9, USAID Deputy Administrator Donald Steinberg announced a new USAID global grant initiative to increase women's participation in peace processes.

Grants of up to \$2 million each, totaling up to \$14 million, may be made available for projects that support UN Security Council Resolution 1325, which calls for women's involvement in all aspects of peace and security, recognizing their leadership in peacemaking, and ending sexual violence in conflict.



USAID Deputy Administrator Donald Steinberg speaking at Ahfad University for Women in Omdurman, Sudan. Photo: Mirella McCracken/USAID

"We all know that when social order breaks down, it is women who suffer most," said Steinberg, who visited the university during a three-day visit to northern and southern Sudan. "But we have to reject the vision of women as victims. Women are not victims. Women are the key to building just and lasting peace, stable and prosperous economies, and vibrant civil societies."

The new program provides funding for female negotiators and mediators to fully participate in peace processes, taking into account their potential need for assistance with child care, transportation, accommodations, and security.

Steinberg said USAID will continue to assist people throughout Sudan, as the largest country in Africa



prepares to divide into two nations July 9, following the overwhelming vote of southern Sudanese in January to secede and form an independent nation.



USAID-Built Bridge on Sudan-Uganda Border Nearly Complete

The Anyama Border Bridge connecting southern Sudan to Uganda at Nimule is almost complete. The bridge is a major component of the USAID-funded tarmac road connecting Juba to the Ugandan border.

The final phase will be construction of a reinforced concrete deck on this 37-meter-long bridge with sidewalks, which will be completed and opened to traffic in late May. The bridge will have two lanes, each 3.5 meters wide. ♦



The USAID-built Anyama Bridge, connecting southern Sudan to Uganda at Nimule. Photo: Louis Berger Group

U.S. Government-Sponsored Basketball Court Honoring Late NBA Star Manute Bol Inaugurated in Turalei

On April 14, U.S. Consul General in Juba Ambassador R. Barrie Walkley and USAID Deputy Mission Director in Juba Susan Fine joined Government of Southern Sudan (GOSS) Minister of Youth, Sports, and Recreation Makuac Teny in Turalei, Warrap State, and senior Warrap State government officials for the inauguration of the Manute Bol Basketball Court—the first basketball court to be built in Turalei, Bol's hometown.

Bol, a former professional basketball player who died last year in the United States at age 47, was one of the tallest players ever in the National Basketball Association, at 7'7". In addition to his athletic accomplishments, Bol was known as a



USAID staff and U.S. Consul General in Juba Ambassador R. Barrie Walkley (in white jacket) join community members in Turalei, Warrap State, to inaugurate the Manute Bol Basketball Court in honor of the late Manute Bol. Photo: Sarah Armstrong/USAID

humanitarian who raised money for Sudanese refugees and schools.

In honor of Bol and to encourage youth to engage in sports rather than fighting, the U.S. Consulate and USAID are collaborating with the GOSS and other organizations in building basketball courts and promoting basketball in southern Sudan. The court in Turalei is the first of four courts USAID plans to fund in conflict-affected areas.

At the event, Minister Teny said that youth can become peace advocates and that collaboration through sports can help prevent conflict. ♦



USAID staff in Washington with Manute Bol, center, and Sudanese human rights activist Simon Deng (third from left) in 2006. Photo: USAID